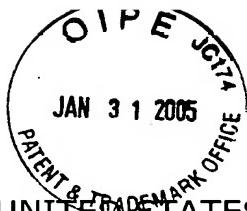


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In re Application of:) PATENT
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Serial No.: 10/624,592) GROUP: 3748
Filed: July 23, 2003) EXAMINER: Ching CHANG
VARIABLE VALVE TRAIN FOR A CAM-) CUSTOMER NO: 25269
ACTIVATED LIFTING VALVE OF AN) CONFIRMATION NO.: 7533
INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 5, 2004, please amend this application as follows: